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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Martin ZIMMERMANN et al.

Serial No.: 10/701,866

Filed: November 6, 2003

For: TRANSMISSION SYSTEM COMPRISING
A SHIFTING DEVICE

Group Art Unit 3681

Examiner: T. Lewis

ELECTION OF SPECIES

Commissioner for Patents
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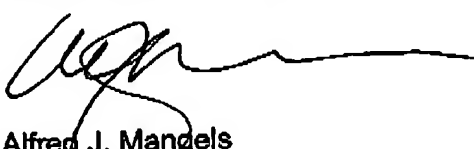
Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 14, 2004 (Paper No./Mail Date 20041209), in which the examiner imposed an election of species requirement, applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, for prosecution on the merits the species identified in the Office Action as "V. claims 168-179 and 212-213." It is believed that the other claims in this application are sufficiently related to the inventions claimed in the provisionally-elected claims as to warrant their examination along with the provisionally-elected claims.

The examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney if this provisional election raises any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

February 10, 2005


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